



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

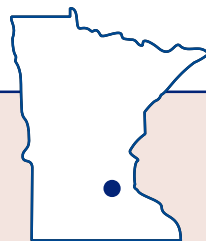
*St. Paul, MN*

## EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## Community Description

The City of St. Paul was selected to receive two cleanup grants. The city has targeted brownfields properties that will link several neighborhoods and the downtown with 85 miles of bicycle and pedestrian trails. The projects also will restore a natural conservation area and provide access to two ceremonial caves of cultural significance to the Mdewakanton Dakota Community. The minority population of this formerly industrialized area nearly doubled between 1990 and 2000, and with rising unemployment, about 16 percent of residents now live in poverty. Communities surrounding the targeted properties have been guiding the revitalization of the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, and a large number of partners are involved in the cleanup and reuse. The steering committee of the



## Cleanup Grants

**New  
2003**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

*\$200,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of St. Paul for cleanup grants totaling \$400,000. The cleanup grants will be used to clean up hazardous substances on the 10-acre Recreation Property and petroleum on the Conservation Property, both of which are part of the 27-acre Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary along the Mississippi River. These sites are contaminated with heavy metals and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) or petroleum related to former industrial and railroad activities.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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651-266-8510

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of St. Paul has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

Lower Phalen Creek Project will continue to spearhead outreach and community involvement activities.